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## Interview Summary

Application No.

10/723,422

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Examiner

Giovanna Colan

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Giovanna Colan.

(3) Kurt Berger.

(2) Shahid Alam.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 31 January 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Jain, Weiss, Kohonen.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The proposed amendments were discussed during the interview. Specifically the limitations including: "wherein the self-organizing map is created...by comparing..." and "wherein the processor is responsive to the selected...displays or more image items obtained from image..." Examiner explained that this specific proposed amendment may overcome the citation included in [0128] (Weiss). However, further search of the reference is needed.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Reply to Office Action of October 2, 2007

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information retrieval system in which a set of distinct information items map to respective nodes in a self-organizing map by mutual similarity of the information items, ~~so~~ that similar information items map to nodes at similar positions in the self-organizing map, wherein the self-organizing map is created by comparing all features of the information items simultaneously, the system comprising:

a user control for defining a search criterion for selecting information items;

a detector for detecting those positions within the self-organizing map corresponding to the selected information items;

a graphical user interface for displaying display points representing those positions within the self-organizing map corresponding to the selected information items; and

a processor, responsive to the selected information items defined by the search criterion, for providing one or more representations representative of the information content of the selected information items,

wherein the information items are at least associated with image items comprising image data; and

wherein the processor is responsive to the selected information items and ~~provides~~ displays one or more image items representative of the obtained from image or text information content of contained in the selected information items defined by the search criterion so as to indicate the subject matter of the selected information items.

2. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface is operable to display a two-dimensional display array of the said display points.

Docket No: 28253105

## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/723,422 First Named Applicant: David Trepess  
 Examiner: Colan Art Unit: 2162 Status of Application: Non-Final Rejection  
 Tentative Participants:  
 (1) Kurt Bergen (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Ex. G. Colan (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposed Date of Interview: 1/31/08 Proposed Time: 11:00 am  
 (1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference  
 Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO  
 If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Tam et al.</u> <u>Kohonen et al.</u> <u>Weiss et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Proposed Amendment to Claim 1 to clarify that the self-organizing map is  
created by comparing all features of the information items simultaneously; and that  
the processor displays an image data item obtained from text or image information contained  
in the selected information items so as to indicate the subject matter of the information items.  
 An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

## NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)\_\_\_\_\_  
(Examiner/SPE Signature)